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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the increase in U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change,[1] from $2,180.2 million in August to $2,294.2 million in September[2], reflected increases in most of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. Individual sections showing increases included food and live animals; machinery and transport equipment; manufactured goods classified chiefly by material; and beverages and tobacco. Among those registering decreases were crude materials, inedible, except fuels; and mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials.

Within individual sections, commodities or groups of commodities contributing to the increases included coffee (see footnote at end of table relative to August carryover); sugar; passenger cars; gem diamonds; copper and alloys; and whiskey and other distilled spirits.

Decreases in lumber (sawmill products) and woodpulp accounted for the bulk of the decline in crude materials, inedible, except fuels. Decreases in crude petroleum and fuel oil accounted in part for the decline in the section mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials.

[1] *On seasonally adjusted basis, U.S. general imports during September were valued at $2,310.5 million. (See the September 1966 issue of Report FT 930-I.) Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.*

[2] *Month-to-month changes in imports and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Cumulations of data over 3 or 4 month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends.*

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject to some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES SEPTEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. General imports are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Imports for consumption are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued except as noted in footnotes below. Figures for 1965 include all revisions published with December 1965 reports, or earlier and certain changes as noted in footnotes below, but do not include revisions published during 1966. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
PART I--Summary Tatols				
Total general imports of merchandise....value..	2,294.2	2,180.2	18,800.6	[2]15,464.5
Total imports of merchandise for consumption.....value..	2,287.4	2,216.2	[3]18,631.8	15,195.2
Free.....value..	819.6	786.5	6,748.8	5,301.3
Dutiable.....value..	1,467.8	1,429.7	[3]11,883.0	9,893.9
PART II--Generol Imports of Merchandise, by Selected Schedule A Commodity Groupings ond Principal Commodities				
Food and live onimols.....value..	372.3	299.0	2,932.1	2,391.4
Cattle (except for breeding).....value..	7.7	5.7	57.8	49.1
Meat and preparations.....1,000 lb..	130,707	123,463	977,767	743,007
value..	57.1	53.9	442.5	300.2
Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen...1,000 lb..	97,187	92,986	680,734	493,601
value..	37.0	35.7	257.6	161.8
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen.....1,000 lb..	84,936	80,931	551,528	403,327
value..	32.6	31.4	213.2	132.9
Other meat, canned, dried, etc...1,000 lb..	33,521	30,477	297,034	249,406
value..	20.1	18.2	184.9	138.4
Dairy products and eggs.....value..	5.5	4.6	44.5	30.2
Fish, including shellfish, and preparations.....value..	48.9	48.6	404.0	347.5
Fish, fresh, frozen, dried, salted, etc.....value..	40.6	39.6	335.3	285.7
Fish, canned and prepared.....1,000 lb..	18,579	19,225	156,923	129,699
value..	8.4	9.0	68.7	61.9
Grains and animal feeds.....value..	13.4	12.9	91.2	71.7
Fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts.....value..	40.1	36.5	405.2	352.1
Fruit, fresh; edible nuts, fresh and dried, except oil nuts.....value..	26.1	23.5	216.7	190.3
Bananas, fresh.....1,000,000 lb..	318	334	2,785	2,502
value..	15.5	15.7	133.7	115.5
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	23	21	589	604
value..	5.2	4.6	94.7	96.5
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	276	173	2,203	1,828
value..	[4]98.9	[4]63.7	818.7	690.5
Tea and mate'.....1,000 lb..	13,190	9,687	102,248	95,089
value..	5.4	4.0	44.1	41.6
Sugar, cane or beet.....1,000,000 lb..	1,230	755	6,356	5,239
value..	73.3	45.4	376.7	297.8
Beverages and tobacco.....value..	53.3	41.8	456.9	376.0
Alcoholic beverages (whiskey, beer, wine, etc.).....value..	51.2	39.2	331.3	265.7
Whiskey and other distilled spirits.....1,000 PFG..	6,980	5,158	44,113	37,121
value..	43.2	30.8	260.9	208.8
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	1,975	3,754	192,865	165,274
value..	1.6	1.9	120.3	105.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....value..	280.4	306.9	*2,480.1	*2,239.7
Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins.....value..	8.5	9.0	*74.3	*63.4
Fur skins, undressed.....value..	6.9	7.2	*98.4	*85.2

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES SEPTEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels--Continued				
Oilseeds, oil nuts, oil kernels (copra, etc.).....value..	5.8	5.6	44.7	42.1
Crude (natural) rubber, excluding chlorinated.....1,000,000 lb..	69	86	751	717
value..	13.5	16.3	137.9	134.2
Lumber (sawmill products).....value..	31.6	38.0	319.0	281.9
Paper base stocks (wood pulp, pulpwood, etc.).....value..	35.2	42.9	334.9	309.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. ton..	254	319	2,474	2,287
value..	32.5	40.1	314.6	291.1
Textile fibers and waste.....value..	28.5	32.9	358.3	328.7
Cotton, raw, excluding linters and waste.....1,000 lb..	4,344	1,414	39,141	32,357
value..	1.7	0.5	14.9	12.2
Wool and other animal hair (except on the skin).....value..	16.2	20.7	228.9	217.1
Wool, unmanufactured, (except on the skin)[5] [6].....One mil. lb. clean yield..	16	24	233	218
One mil. lb. actual yield..	21	31	313	294
value..	11.8	16.7	181.5	170.4
Jute and other vegetable fibers.....value..	2.3	2.4	26.9	25.9
Industrial diamonds and other natural abrasives.....value..	5.1	4.8	50.4	41.9
Crude minerals, n.e.s. (asbestos, quartz, mica, fluorspar, etc.).....value..	14.1	11.0	109.3	93.6
Metal ores, concentrates, and scrap...value..	101.9	110.9	732.4	670.4
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	5,383	5,677	32,751	33,758
value..	53.2	56.7	325.1	331.7
Nonferrous base-metal ores and concentrates[6] [7].....value..	42.1	46.2	*346.0	*304.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials..value..	182.9	204.5	1,715.4	1,653.5
Petroleum and products.....value..	169.9	190.3	1,610.4	1,553.9
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	42,981	48,749	387,627	385,791
value..	97.1	108.8	868.7	859.8
Petroleum products (including partly refined).....value..	72.8	81.5	741.7	694.1
Fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	28,584	31,471	301,311	273,092
value..	58.5	64.3	611.5	570.5
Gas, natural and manufactured (propane, butane, etc.).....value..	11.9	13.2	92.1	86.3
Animal and vegetable oils and fats.....value..	10.5	12.6	108.3	88.1
Coconut oil.....1,000 lb..	44,384	66,042	442,736	290,231
value..	4.5	6.9	52.4	39.4
Chemicals.....value..	95.1	78.7	*725.3	*548.5
Chemical elements and compounds.....value..	52.0	39.5	*360.6	*274.5
Organic chemicals.....value..	23.1	19.4	166.7	110.2
Uranium oxide.....1,000 lb..	1,393	-	4,401	4,868
value..	13.8	-	42.8	47.4
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	7.2	5.9	58.6	35.8
Fertilizers, manufactured[6].....value..	10.3	9.6	96.2	80.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material.....value..	579.9	566.0	*4,712.5	*4,014.7
Leather.....value..	6.2	7.1	*61.0	*46.2
Plywood, veneers, and other wood, worked.....value..	18.6	21.7	168.0	14[illegible].5
Paper and paperboard and manufactures.....value..	89.4	85.4	728.6	635.8

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued				
Paper and paperboard.....value..	87.3	83.2	714.3	623.9
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	624	587	5,207	4,618
value..	81.0	76.0	659.2	576.2
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	80.4	79.1	*696.7	*584.6
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	14,327	12,740	106,747	44,552
value..	10.8	9.9	82.5	44.5
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	16.0	13.3	116.5	103.5
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	38.3	40.1	348.2	304.3
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	18.9	16.6	154.6	138.6
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	3,832	5,238	46,327	46,721
value..	6.2	8.4	75.4	78.1
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	19.2	20.2	142.8	123.6
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	265	155	2,605	2,146
value..	30.6	17.7	271.0	205.4
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	134.4	131.2	964.9	933.0
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	117.3	122.1	864.0	864.3
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	667	820	5,793	6,042
value..	32.0	39.1	272.6	290.9
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	1,101	897	6,686	6,491
value..	54.7	48.4	352.6	356.7
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	256	270	1,705	1,506
value..	18.7	20.7	128.0	109.0
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[6] [8].....value..	139.3	135.0	1,135.1	873.8
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	4.2	9.8	60.6	41.5
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[6].....value..	62.5	49.5	419.4	292.7
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[6]...1,000,000 lb..	17	18	179	194
value..	13.6	13.9	134.3	144.0
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[6].....value..	23.4	25.4	234.3	190.6
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[6].....value..	13.3	15.8	119.5	102.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	34.0	38.6	300.9	264.0
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	416.7	378.4	3,393.8	2,019.9
Machinery, total.....value..	225.0	238.5	1,848.0	1,217.4
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	125.5	139.7	1,160.6	788.9
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	32.9	26.5	238.8	138.5
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	11.4	18.0	195.0	148.6
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[9].....value..	2.1	2.7	22.2	8.3
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	2.0	2.1	22.0	17.1
Office machinery and computers...value..	13.9	13.9	131.2	93.9
Typewriters and parts.....value..	4.6	4.1	41.3	31.7
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	10.7	14.8	88.4	42.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	19.3	20.8	161.5	108.5
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	37.3	45.7	345.8	256.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued				
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	99.5	98.9	687.4	428.5
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	49.8	50.8	317.8	204.4
Radio receiving sets.....number..	2,780,732	3,422,652	17,279,777	12,330,527
value..	15.9	20.2	99.8	79.9
Television receiving sets.....number..	168,577	163,988	1,025,251	686,973
value..	13.1	12.6	73.1	38.2
Transport equipment.....value..	191.7	139.9	1,545.8	802.6
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	117.8	70.7	913.4	455.3
Passenger cars, new.....value..	109.9	59.4	**839.6	432.9
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	20.1	19.5	170.4	65.2
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	4.9	5.7	48.6	35.7
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	8.0	12.7	162.4	107.4
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	35.6	25.1	206.0	95.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....value..	229.3	229.7	*1,659.5	*1,397.3
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	70.4	73.1	459.0	390.7
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	12,024	13,233	142,895	137,384
value..	16.9	18.9	140.6	117.7
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	20.8	20.5	154.4	124.9
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	13.5	8.5	93.8	68.0
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	19.9	18.3	135.4	104.7
Printed matter.....value..	9.2	9.2	71.6	55.3
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	20.6	20.7	131.1	112.8
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	9.6	12.2	93.5	96.6
Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	73.6	62.7	616.6	513.6
U.S. goods returned.....value..	38.3	39.5	357.0	312.7
Low-value shipments[10].....value..	26.9	14.0	187.8	155.6
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidation of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)				
Wool, unmanufactured (including on the skin)[11].value..	12.6	17.2	191.2	182.8
Fertilizers, crude and manufactured.....value..	11.7	10.4	108.3	91.5
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap[7 8].....value..	187.0	188.1	1,535.0	1,206.3
Copper and alloys.....value..	67.9	53.9	468.2	321.2
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	15.6	18.3	116.0	110.9

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES SEPTEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	September	August	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued				
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	24.0	26.4	242.6	195.9
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	13.7	13.9	134.7	144.6
Tin and alloys.....value..	16.0	17.3	130.2	110.7
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[7] [8]....value..	7.6	10.9	82.9	64.4

Data revised to reflect changes in the Schedule A/TSUSA concordance retroactive to January 1965. Further information concerning these revisions can be obtained from the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

**Data revised to reflect imports from Canada which were inadvertently omitted from this class for the months of January-April 1966.*

- Represents zero.

Z Indicates less than $50,000.

[1]*Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imports into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930-I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.*

[2]*The over-all January-September 1965 total as shown in this report agrees with the sum of the January-September over-all monthly totals shown in the September issue Report FT 900-I but does not agree with the sum of selected Schedule A commodity groupings shown here. Monthly coverage adjustments were made by the Bureau in the July-December 1965 over-all totals in an attempt to remove the effect of abnormalities in monthly receipts of statistical documents for that period. Adjusted totals for each of the six months are shown in table 1 of September issue Report FT 900-I. Information in sufficient detail to make corresponding adjustments to the individual commodity classifications is not available.*

[3]*Revised. The January-September 1966 imports for consumption total reflects a minor adjustment in the data for March 1966, made subsequent to the release of the July issue of Report FT 930-I.*

[4]*Approximately $14 million in crude coffee from Brazil (representing approximately 36 million pounds) was excluded from the August 1966 import data and is included in the September statistics.*

[5]*Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 11) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 11.*

[6]*Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part III, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.*

[7]*Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.*

[8]*Includes base metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 7, above.)*

[9]*Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."*

[10]*Formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued at $250 or less.*

[11]*Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin-e.g., camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.*

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